



Water Conservation Questionnaire

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The Village of Ruidoso initiated a Water Conservation Plan to develop a sustainable resource of potable water that will supply the residents of the Village for the future. It is important that we all use water wisely and protect water supplies whenever possible. Even a small amount saved each day adds up to millions of gallons a year. Conserving water in the household or place of business can save on water and sewer fees and ensure adequate water supply for everyone.

To start, here are some household water conservation tips followed by a list of questions that will help determine which types of water conservation initiatives and programs the Village will implement. **Please return the questionnaire by November 20th to Village Hall Utility Billing, 313 Cree Meadows Dr, Ruidoso, NM 88345** and also join us at the Ruidoso Convention Center for our Business After Hours on November 19th from 5 to 7 p.m. to discuss your ideas in person.

Water Conservation Tips

- The bathroom accounts for two-thirds of water used in an average household.
- **Turn off the faucet when you are not using it.** Leaving the faucet on while brushing your teeth wastes water. In addition installing a faucet aerator will help save water.
- **Consider replacing older model toilets with high-efficiency models.** In addition, disposal of tissue, insects and other such wastes in a trash can instead of flushing will save water.
- **Fix leaks and drips.** Ten drops per minute can mean as much as 43 gallons lost a month. A faster leak of 120 drips per minute can waste 518 gallons a month.
- **Replace older plumbing fixtures with high efficiency fixtures.**
Kitchen/Laundry
- **Use appliances efficiently.** Run full loads in the clothes or dish washer.
- **Replace older appliances fixtures with high efficiency appliances.** Installation of a new dishwasher can save an average family up to 800 gallons per year and are more energy efficient, which will save on power costs.
- **Use sink aerators as little as possible to dispose of food waste.** Alternatives include a compost pile or disposal in the trash can.
Lawn/Garden
- **Water the lawn and garden only when necessary.** In addition, installation of a rain harvesting system can reduce the amount of potable water used.
- **Timing is everything when irrigating.** Learn how to set your controller to allow water times so that water may make it to the roots and not just evaporate from the surface.
- **Install drought resistant plants.** Xeriscaping your yard can considerably reduce the amount of water used outside the household, especially in summer months.

Water Conservation Questions

Question 1: For each statement please indicate the amount of concern you have in the Village	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
- Water is scarce and in demand for many uses.					
- Water needs to be conserved for future generations.					
- Recent drought has negatively affected the water supply					

Question 2: For each proposed program please indicate how likely you are to participate.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
- Develop an outreach education program.					
- Test leakage in your toilet.					
- Develop rebates for xeriscaping.					
- Develop rebates for replacing old appliances.					
- Participate in a water audit.					
- Participate in public forums regarding water conservation.					
- Rainwater harvesting program with at cost rain barrels.					

Question 3: Please indicate yes or no if your household already conserves water in the following ways.	Yes	No
- I have low flow toilets.		
- I have low flow shower heads.		
- I have a hot water recirculating system.		
- I do not have an evaporative cooling system.		
- I have a rain barrel.		
- I water my lawn once per week or less in the summer.		
- I use native or drought tolerant plants in my yard.		
- I have a rain sensor shut-off valve on my irrigation system.		

Question 4: I am willing to consider implementing the following water conservation measures:	Yes	No
- Replace older appliances with high efficiency appliances.		
- Install low flow toilets.		
- Install low flow showerheads.		
- Install a hot water recirculating system.		
- Alter outdoor landscaping to reduce water usage.		
- Invest in a rainwater harvesting system.		
- Set a conservation goal of 150 gallons per person per day.		